

Remarks

I. Restriction Requirement

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

Group I. Claims 23-27, drawn to a method of ordering pairs of sequence tags, classified in class 435, subclass 6; and

Group II. Claims 28-33, drawn to an oligonucleotide composition derived from genomic DNA, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

In response, Applicants elect to begin prosecution with examination of claim group II, claims 28-33, without traverse. Non-elected claims 23-27 have been canceled.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims of Group I.

II. Amendments

Non-elected claims 23-27 stand canceled.

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If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at 650 838-4403.

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